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Road deaths spike despite restrictions

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Jan. 5- Long periods of semi-lockdown, night and weekend curfews put in place as a measure to contain the spread of COVID in Mysuru city has not resulted in reduction of road accidents or fatalities, data available with authorities shows.

According to officials, there is no major dip in overall fatality or people sustaining injuries or number of accidents. In fact, when compared to 2020, 2021 reported more accidents and fatalities. While 111 serious accidents and 117 deaths have been reported in 2020, 117 serious accidents and 121 deaths have been reported in 2021.

These accidents have been reported in all Traffic Police Stations in city like Devaraja, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja, Siddarthanagar and V.V. Puram. In 2020, 516 common accidents were reported and this has risen to 534 in 2021. While 616 people sustained major and minor injuries in 2020, 670 persons were injured in 2021.

Traffic Police said that the high number of accidents and related fatalities are mainly due to riders not following traffic rules and increased instances of overspeeding on empty roads, mostly after dark.

In 2020, the Police had reduced contact enforcement in the wake of the pandemic and were only enforcing rules through non-contact means and also after obtaining visuals from the CCTV cameras. People are taking things for granted and in most cases, deaths and grievous injuries have occurred due to negligence, a Police officer said.

Majority of accident deaths have occurred as people do not follow traffic rules like wearing helmets, maintaining lane discipline and obeying traffic signals.

Number of accidents and deaths - 2020

Traffic Police Stations	Serious accidents	Number of deaths	General accidents	Number of injured
Devaraja	3	3	46	50
Krishnaraja	45	48	110	156
Narasimharaja	12	14	84	91
Siddarthanagar	21	21	102	122
V.V. Puram	30	31	174	197
Total	**111**	**117**	**516**	**616**

Comparative data of 2021

Traffic Police Stations	Serious accidents	Number of deaths	General accidents	Number of injured
Devaraja	8	8	44	59
Krishnaraja	39	43	103	145
Narasimharaja	15	15	86	113
Siddarthanagar	21	21	102	122
V.V. Puram	34	34	199	231
Total	**117**	**121**	**534**	**670**

Weekend Curfew

Tight vigil on people venturing out: City Top Cop

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (RK&BCT)- Various wings of the City Police like City Armed Reserve, Traffic Sub-Divisions and the Mounted Police have teamed up to heighten the surveillance during weekend curfew that will be enforced from Jan. 7 (Friday).

The Police will keep a tight vigil on people venturing out between Friday 10 pm and Monday 5 am without valid reasons.

To effectively enforce rules, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta held a meeting this morning with his staff including Deputy Commissioners of Police (Law and Order) Pradeep Gunti and (Crime and Traffic) Geetha Prasanna.

ACPs Shashidhar (Devaraja), Shivashankar (Narasimharaja) Poornachandra Tejaswi (Krishnaraja) and ACP (Traffic) S.E. Gangadharaswamy, Inspectors of all Police Stations and heads of other wings were part of the meeting held at the Commissioner's Office.

The meeting explained the Government order point by point and teams were told how the restrictions have to be enforced. All those who participated in the meeting were given the printouts of the guidelines and their doubts and queries were addressed.

Only emergency services and people, staff, professionals, industry workers having valid identity cards issued by the competent authority of the respective companies would be allowed to move from one place to another during the weekend curfew.

(See TOP COP on page 7)

Midnight collision kills final year MBBS student

A native of Belagavi, he was studying at MMC&RI

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (RK&BCT)- With just months to go to become a doctor, a final year MBBS student died in a road accident in city last midnight. He was on his two-wheeler without a helmet during night curfew hours and had earphones plugged in.

Rahul Lakshman

The victim has been identified as 24-year-old Rahul Lakshman Hidkal, a native of Belagavi who was pursuing his MBBS degree from the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI).

He was staying in the MMC&RI Boys Hostel opposite MUDA Office on JLB Road.

The incident occurred at 12.15 am near Shanthala Theatre. Rahul, riding his Yamaha bike (KA-09-HP-9549), was proceeding from Siddappa Square towards Chamaraja Double Road to reach his hostel when a KSRTC bus (KA-45-F-30) coming from Ramaswamy Circle on Chamaraja Double Road towards Gun House collided against the bike.

(See MIDNIGHT COLLISION on page 6)

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Mysurean elected as National Vice-President of JCI India

Vikas Gugliya

Mysuru, Jan. 5- JCI Sen Vikas Gugliya was elected as National Vice-President of Junior Chamber International (JCI) India for the year 2022 at the 66th National Convention held recently.

A Post Graduate in MBA - Finance, he is into business of Consumer Electronics & Home Appliances in Mysuru.

Vikas Gugliya joined JCI Mysore Royal City in 2010 and served as President of JCI Mysore Royal City in 2016. He was elected as Zone President of Zone XIV of JCI India in 2018. During 2020 - 2021 he served as National Treasurer of JCI India.

JCI India is a voluntary organisation, membership-based NGO working in India since 1949 for developing the leadership skills of young men and women.

It is affiliated to Junior Chamber International (JCI), a worldwide federation of young leaders and entrepreneurs.

JCI Mysore Royal City, founded in 2002, is actively involved in providing sustainable solutions to communities through training programmes, community and business projects.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Mr and Mrs: *My wife and I decided to get away for two nights to a nice seaside resort and by-pass the COVID cobwebs, my treat. I packed a small bag and she lugged down a large suitcase, a smaller case, a handbag and her purse. Like a good husband I held my silence. Checked in and ten minutes into the room she had commandeered 90% of the table with jars, bottles, lotions and creams. Inside the first thirty minutes, the bathroom had been usurped. When I finally got in, the rod was festooned with washed lingerie and the ledge above the sink was groaning under the weight of her toiletries with 3 inches by 2 inches left for my razor.*

When I came out she was positioning her six pairs of shoes like soldiers on parade. I was tempted to question the wisdom of this extravagant display of footwear that included two high heels seeing as how it was a beach resort but then, being well married, sought sanctuary in discretion. I opened the cupboard to discover two sarees with matching blouses and petticoats so unable to hold onto the fragile silence I said, why would you bring sarees, it is not as if A.R. Rahman is joining us or Sir Richard Branson is popping in for a drink. She said, you never know, which in wifespeak means I will do what makes me comfortable, so there...

That night she marshalled her post sleep troops and laid them on the bed and the side-table like some military general laying out his battle plans. The tablet, her reading glasses, two chargers for two phones, a book, one magazine and the remotes after which the reversal of the creams, these being used to take off makeup, remove eye-liner, tone skin, then put moisturiser, rub in anti-wrinkle cream, splash night facial tightener, massage foot cream and strategically position a hairnet. In contrast, for us men it is a good deal if we brush our teeth.

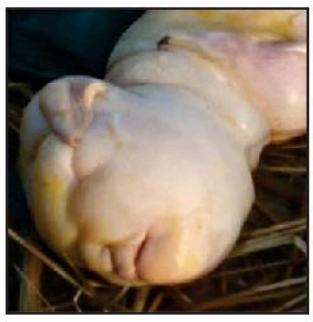
Finally, she was set to sleep and I said, look forward to a nice, lazy day on the beach and a drink in the pool bar like unwind. And she said, oh, I didn't bring my swimsuit. — Bikram Vohra in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

This Millipede is first to actually have 1,000 legs!

Australia: "Millipede" literally means "a thousand feet." But these creatures have never lived up to the claim; the recent discovery of a new species 'Eumillipes Persephone', is rewriting what we know about these segmented bugs. So, scientists were astonished to find a new species that finally lives up to the hype, boasting a whopping 330 segments and 1,306 legs. The insect is named after Zeus's daughter, Persephone, who spent half of each year living in the underworld with her husband, Hades. The insect lives hundreds of feet below ground. Before the discovery of 'Eumillipes Persephone', the millipede record-holder for the most legs in the depths of the Earth is 'Illacme Plenipes' with an average of 750 legs despite growing about an inch long.

Goat 'with face of a human' born in Assam



Assam: A farmer was astonished after one of his goats gave birth to a kid with 'face of a human.' The goat belonged to the farmer Shakar Das in Gangapur village in the North Eastern State of Assam.

It bowled over locals when it emerged with a swollen, distorted face which resembled a human head. The goat with no hair on the body did not possess a tail and the ears of the offspring were also deformed. Shakar said the goat was born alive despite its considerable deformities, which left it with only two crippled legs and shriveled, under-developed hind quarters, but later died. The birth of a deformed animal is considered a bad omen or bad luck, locals said.

Local veterinarian revealed that the impaired development of a goat in the womb is likely caused by the "Rift Valley fever disease' and recommended farmers to take their animals to vets for regular check-ups.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What are the type of kidney stones?

Calcium oxalate stones, uric acid stones, cystine stones (common in children) and magnesium ammonium phosphate stones (occurs in infected urine)

By Dr Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Vipra Shreshta Mahila Ratna Awardee

Mysuru, Jan.5- The Graduates Co-operative Bank retired Manager S. Gayathri was conferred 'Vipra Shreshta Mahila Ratna' award at the 94th Annual General Body Meeting of Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha held at its premises on Tyagaraja road here recently.

Sabha President N. Srinivas, Treasurer K.G. Satish, Secretary Venkatakrishna Shastry, senior members Dr. J. Kamala Raman, Shankaranarayana Shastri, Jagadish, Vishwanath, Geetha, Manjula, M.S. Ravindra, Sudarshan, former Corporator Ananthu and others were present.

REALLY...?

- *The Bandra–Worli Sea Link also known as Rajiv Gandhi Sea Link is a 5.6 km long bridge that links Bandra of Mumbai with Worli located in South Mumbai. The interesting fact is that it has wires that are equal to Earth's circumference and also weighs as much as 50,000 elephants. A true architectural marvel and an amazing fact about India!*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Why did the boy eat his homework ?
Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.48
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.85
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.28
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.15

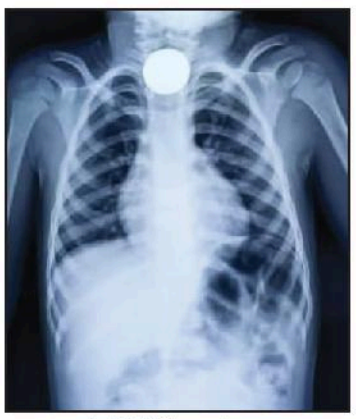
COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	JANUARY 3	JANUARY 4
Day's Positive Cases	14	48
Total Positive Cases	1,80,338	1,80,386
Day's Discharges	12	12
Total Discharges	1,77,779	1,77,791
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,436	2,436
Total Active Cases	131	167

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Bad road saves a child?!



Initial X ray image.

After travelling on VTU road.

Sir,

A 2-year-old child was rushed to our Emergency Room (ER) because the child had swallowed a coin about 3 hours ago. After swallowing the coin at home, the child was in great discomfort and couldn't swallow her saliva down.

The child was taken to a few hospitals earlier and X ray images confirmed that the coin was stuck in the throat.

The distressed family travelled in and around before taking a deviation from the Ring Road to enter VTU road and reach our hospital.

When the child arrived in the ER, she appeared comfortable but the parents were stressed.

As we were getting ready for the extraction of the stuck coin, a quick repeat X ray was done. We all were overwhelmed to see the coin fall off the throat into the stomach.

We informed the family that the coin will now come out via the natural route in about 3 - 7 days.

And when I told them that they should thank the Department in charge of maintaining the said road, everyone around were taken aback. Then I had to explain to them that the badly potholed VTU road was the reason why the coin fell down into the stomach!?

The family had travelled in a car for more than 2 hours on multiple roads but only VTU road could do the trick. I hope this incident explains how pathetic the condition of the said road is.

This road is travelled by hundreds of people all through the day. Why this apathy towards the common man? Will the authorities concerned do the needful at the earliest?

NOTE: *The coin eventually came out in stools on day-6. The child remained pain-free and stable all through these 6 days.*

— Dr. S. Anoop

Sathagalli
3.1.2022

MP hands over RO drinking water plants to MCC

MP Pratap Simha and MLA L. Nagendra seen after inaugurating a RO drinking water plant at Ramanna Circle in Yadavagiri here on Monday as Indian Oil Corporation senior officials, City BJP Vice-President S.K. Dinesh and others look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (KS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and MLA L. Nagendra formally handed over six RO drinking water plants, installed at various places across the city, to MCC on Monday.

The six RO water plants have been installed using Rs. 60 lakh donated by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity at Yadavagiri, Metagalli, Kumbarakoppal, Lashkar Mohalla, Vijayanagar and Manchegowdanakoppal. MP Pratap Simha and MLA Nagendra on Monday formally inaugurated the RO plant at Yadavagiri in the presence of IOCL officials and other dignitaries.

IOCL had earlier provided a truck-mounted jetting rodding sewage cleaning machine to the MCC and has also supported persons with disabilities in and around Mysuru by providing tricycles, hearing aids, walking sticks, crutches and wheelchairs to nearly 2,738 beneficiaries.

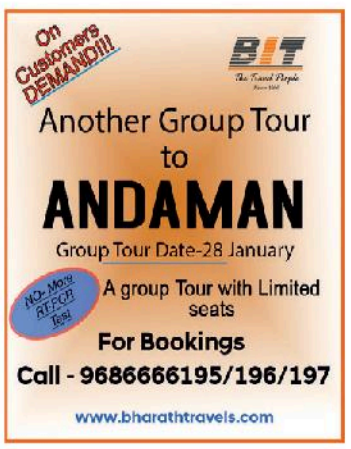
Lauding IOCL, Pratap Simha said that apart from providing vital petroleum products to the country, Indian Oil has proved to be a good responsible corporate citizen by enriching the quality of lives of the people through its various CSR activities.

Corporator Ravindra, Mysuru City BJP Vice-President S.K. Dinesh and others were present on the occasion.

District -level Sports Week from today

Mysuru, Jan. 5- As part of nationwide promotion of sports, 'Kreeda Bharati,' a national sports organisation, will be conducting Mysuru District-level Sports Week from today (Jan.5) till Jan.11 across the district as a prelude to the district-level sports meet to take place at D. Devaraj Urs Wrestling Arena in Dasara Exhibition Grounds premises on Jan.19.

MP Pratap Simha and other elected representatives will attend the event today at different places across the city. People from all age groups and all walks of life in any part of the district, can take part in this Sports Week. For more details, call Mob: 96204-37519 or 98455-62413 or 99020-36338.



Theatre workshop

Inauguration this evening

Mysuru, Jan. 5- The inauguration of **Bhumika,** the annual theatre workshop of the city's theatre group Rangavalli, will take place at Nrupatunga School in Kuvempunagar at 6 this evening (Jan.5).

The workshop, which is open for theatre enthusiasts and those involved in theatre activities, has been organised in memory of theatre icon Jayateertha Joshi.

Senior theatrist Prasanna, Vijaya Vittala PU College Principal H. Sathyaprasad, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa and Camp Director Jeevankumar Heggodu will jointly inaugurate the camp.

Rangavalli Secretary B. Rajesh, Treasurer Manjunath Shastry and others will be present. For details, call Mob:99646-56482 or 95902-59095, according to a press release.

Sahajaranga theatre training camp from Jan.16

Mysuru, Jan. 5- The city's theatre group Nirantara Foundation will be conducting **Sahajaranga - 2021-22,** a four-week theatre training camp for College students from Jan.16 to Feb.13 at Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus.

The camp will be held daily between 4.45 pm and 8 pm. Admission is restricted to 30 students and preference will be given for early applicants.

The last date for applying is Jan. 13. For details, interested candidates may call Mob: 63646-78263 or 81059-46256 or 96110-74424.

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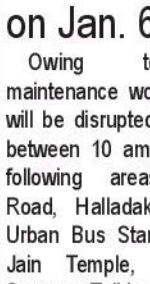
NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption on Jan. 6 and 7

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on Jan. 6 and 7 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Chandragupta Road, Halladakeri, behind Sub-Urban Bus Stand, Ashoka Road, Jain Temple, surroundings of Sangam Talkies, B.N. Road, Old Bank Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, K.T. Street, Hong Kong Bazar, Vinoba Road, surroundings of Rajkamal Talkies, Kothwal Ramaiah Street, Benki Nawab Street, near Satyanarayana Temple, Belli Rama Mandira, Narayana Shastry Road, Dewan's Road, MORE market, Dhanvantri Road and surrounding areas, according to a press release from Executive Engineer, CESC, N.R. Mohalla Division.

Ph.D awardees

S. Akshatha has been awarded Ph.D in History by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Nadus and Agraharas during Hoysala period in Mandya district' [Guide: Dr. N. Saraswathi].



N. Narendra has been awarded Ph.D in History by the UoM for his thesis 'Mandya Pradeshada Dalita Chaluvali-Samskrutika Stityantaragalu: Ondu Adhyayana (1900 enda samakalinavarege)' [Guide: Dr. N. Saraswathi].

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
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Yesterday	:	123.14 feet
Inflow	:	1,754 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,548 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,283.21 feet
Inflow	:	405 cusecs
Outflow	:	400 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,820.07 feet
Inflow	:	173 cusecs
Outflow	:	30 cusecs

Siddu regrets lack of intellectuality despite growth in education

Former Gulbarga University VC Prof. S.R. Niranjana and his wife G.S. Vani, who were felicitated at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri on Hunsur Road in city on Monday, are seen with Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Opposition Leader and former CM Siddharamaiah, UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, former KSOU VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa, who is also Prof. S.R. Niranjana Felicitation Committee Hon. President and others.

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (SBD&DM)- Regretting that intellectualism among the population is declining despite the steady growth in the number of people getting educated, Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah bemoaned that the educated are turning to nepotism and casteism.

He was speaking at former Gulbarga University Vice-Chancellor Prof. S.R. Niranjana felicitation programme at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri on Hunsur Road here on Monday.

Pointing out though literacy rate which stood at 18 percent when the country got independence has since then risen to 80 percent, Siddharamaiah said human values are on a decline and it is high time for an introspection in this regard.

Wondering what kind of transformation can be brought about if even the highly educated promote casteism, Siddharamaiah said that this is a big challenge in the current times. Lamenting that the ideals of Buddha, Basavanna and such other philosophers are yet to be realised in the society even after centuries, he stressed on the need for carrying out an introspection to study the reasons for it.

Holding historical injustice as the cause for social, economical and political inequality that is prevalent in the country, he said that the deprivation of education for the depressed and marginalised sections is responsible for the sorry state of affairs that is haunting the society.

Former Osmania University, Hyderabad, Vice-Chancellor Prof. C. Manoharachari delivered the felicitation address.

Prof. S.R. Niranjana, a former faculty of University of Mysore and former Vice-Chancellor of Gulbarga University, is serving as Distinguished Professor (Lifetime) of University of Mysore (UoM) and as 'Basic Scientific Research Faculty Fellow' of UGC.

Prof. S.R. Niranjana and his wife G.S. Vani were felicitated. Besides, Rathnamma Ramachandra, mother of Prof. S.R. Niranjana, too was honoured at the behest of Suttur Mutt Seer.

Also, 'Niranjana Oovacha', a collection of speeches of Prof. S.R. Niranjana and 'Gnanagange Odalu', a book on the achievements of Prof. S.R. Niranjana when he served as Gulbarga University VC, were released on the occasion.

Former VC urges for encouraging talent

Ankegowda of Pandavapura's 'Pustaka Mane' fame, Historian Dr. Talakadu Chikkarangegowda of Bengaluru and Bengaluru's V.V. Puram College Principal Dr. Boodanur Puttaswamy, who were felicitated at Kuvempu birth anniversary celebration in Manasagangothri on Sunday, are seen with former KSOU VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Veteran writer and Vokkaligara Mahasabha Hon. President Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) and others.

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (SBD&DM)- Urging for encouraging talent and recognising expertise in all fields, former University of Mysore and KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa observed that this seems to be the only way for taking the country forward in all respects. He was speaking at Kuvempu birth anniversary celebration organised by Akhila Karnataka Vokkaligara Mahasabha at Rani Bahaur auditorium in Manasagangothri campus on Hunsur Road here on Sunday.

Citing the example of China, which welcomed talented personalities from different parts of the world and grew in such a manner that it overtook America in various fronts in just a matter of three decades, Prof. Rangappa said he made it a practice to meet talented Indians whenever he happened to visit a foreign country.

Noting that there is a lot of talent in rural people too and the only thing needed is to unearth it at the right time, Prof. Rangappa regretted that rural talent is going waste due to lack of guidance and opportunities. Stressing on the need for tapping rural talent, he lauded Vokkaligara Mahasabha for visiting villages in search of talent.

Maintaining that India lagged behind in terms of education, science and technology, he said that the country should develop in accordance with the pace of growth in advanced countries, for which tapping talent is crucial.

Historian Dr. Talakadu Chikkarangegowda of Bengaluru, Ankegowda of Pandavapura's 'Pustaka Mane' fame and Bengaluru's V.V. Puram College Principal Dr. Boodanur Puttaswamy were feted.

Also, MLC-elect C.N. Manjegowda, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Vokkaligara Sangha President C. Mariswamy, Vokkaligara Voice Editor S. Nagabhushan and Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Women's Co-operative Society President Susheela Nanjappa were honoured and more than a hundred meritorious students of the community who scored high marks in SSLC and PUC (2020-21) were presented with Pratibha Puraskar on the occasion. Lion K. Devegowda released the New Year calendar brought out by the Mahasabha.

Veteran writer and Vokkaligara Mahasabha Hon. President Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar presided. Congress leader K. Harish Gowda, MMC&RI Psychiatry Department Head and Mahasabha Hon. Advisor Dr. B.N. Raveesh, Mahasabha President N. Bettegowda, Working President T. Somu, Vice-President H. Hanumaiah, Gen. Secretary Dr. E.C. Ningaraj Gowda, Legal Advisor M.N. Chandrashekar, office-bearers Lakshmidevi, Anjalidevi, Yogesh & K. Ravi were present.

'Mother of Orphans'

Sindhutai Sapkal no more

Sindhutai Sapkal had come all the way from Maharashtra to Mysuru and interacted with the children after inaugurating 'Chinnara Natakotsava' enacted by the kids, at Rangayana premises on May 6, 2018. Picture shows 'The Mother of Orphans' feeding the 'Chinnara Mela' participants.

Pune, Jan. 5- Renowned social worker Sindhutai Sapkal, fondly known as 'the mother of orphan children', passed away following a heart attack in a private Pune hospital, doctors said yesterday.

Sapkal, who received the *Padma Shri* last year, passed away at the age of 73. Growing up in extreme poverty and enduring immense hardship during her early years, Sapkal is known for the numerous institutes she has set up for orphan children.

She had been admitted to the Galaxy Care Hospital in Maharashtra's Pune. "She had undergone a hernia surgery one and a half months ago and recovery was very slow. Today she died of a heart attack around 8 pm," said Dr. Shailesh Puntambekar, Medical Director of the hospital yesterday.

Born on November 14, 1948, in the Wardha district of Maharashtra, Sapkal was forced to drop out of school after she had passed the 4th standard.

At as young as age 12, she was married to a 32-year-old man. After she gave birth to three children, her husband abandoned her while she was pregnant. At one point, as her

Sindhutai Sapkal

own mother and the village where she had grown up refused to help her in her plight, Sapkal had to resort to begging in order to raise her daughters.

However, overcoming these circumstances, she soon started working for orphans' welfare. Having raised over 1,050 orphan children, she can boast of having 207 sons-in-law and 36 daughters-in-law.

In addition to the Padma award, Sapkal has received more than 750 awards and honours in her lifetime. She has used the award money to further build shelters for orphans.

Her life has been an inspiration to many. In 2010, a Marathi biopic on her life, *Mee Sindhutai Sapkal,* was released and selected for the world première at the 54th London Film Festival.

Rampant irregularities discovered in Ganga Kalyana Scheme

Legislative Council Special House Committee Head Dr. Y.A. Narayanaswamy addressing press persons at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall in city yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (SBD&DM)- Stating that irregularities running up to 25 percent of the cost in the implementation of Ganga Kalyana scheme has been discovered in Mysuru district, the Legislative Council Special House Committee Head Dr. Y.A. Narayanaswamy said action will be taken against those officials found guilty. He was speaking to press persons after holding a meeting with officials of various implementing Corporations and Boards, at Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall here yesterday.

He pointed out that the Legislative Council which held a prolonged debate on the alleged irregularities in Ganga Kalyana scheme, decided to form this Special House Committee to discover the extent of irregularities that is said to have taken place in the past five years.

Noting that the Committee is touring the entire State for an inspection of records and digging of borewells, Narayanaswamy said Mysuru is the fifth district that the Committee has visited.

Noting that about 70,000 borewells have been dug since the scheme was introduced in the State, he said that nearly 7,000 borewells have been dug since 2018-19.

Maintaining that the Committee has gone through the records pertaining to the digging of borewells, Narayanaswamy said irregularties up to 25 percent has been discovered and the Government has been recommended to take action against guilty officials.

Contending that the scheme was introduced for the betterment of lives of people belonging to SC/ST communities, he regretted that official apathy has derailed this ambitious and very significant scheme.

Highlighting that some of the irregularities found pertained to incorrect or fake entries of borewell rigging depths in records, digging of borewells at lands other than those of beneficiaries, purchase of poor quality motors and cables, non-installation of motors, flaws in invitation of tenders for borewell digging, rampant violation of 'No water, No money' norm etc., he asserted that action will be taken against all officials who are involved in irregularities.

Continuing, Narayanaswamy said that apart from recommending action against errant officials, the Committee will also recommend the Government on more effective and appropriate implementation of the scheme. The Committee will also come up with certain suggestions on transforming the entire mechanism and module concerning implementation of the scheme.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation, Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation, Minorities Development Corporation and Adijambava Development Corporation, Karnataka Bovi Development Corporation and Karnataka Taanda Development Corporation are the prominent Government agencies that are tasked with the execution of Ganga Kalyana Scheme.

Committee Members M.A. Gopalaswamy and K. Pratapsimha Nayak, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, SP R. Chethan and other officials were present.

Obituary

Venkatesh Mahendrakar

Mysuru, Jan. 5- Venkatesh Mahendrakar (65), a resident of Ramanuja Road 1st Cross, passed away on Monday night. He leaves behind his wife and two sons. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening.

Jeromious Vinay Kumar

Jeromious Vinay Kumar (41), son of retired Chief Officer Alphonse A. Balu and a resident of Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city.

He leaves behind his father, mother Arokia Mary Joice, wife Leena and children Rishon, Riyon & Florita. Funeral was held at Benson Cemetery on Nanjangud Road this noon.

T. Gladys Manohari

Kollegal: T. Gladys Manohari (87), retired teacher of IELC School and a resident of Christian Street, passed away yesterday. She leaves behind son T. John Peter, a journalist, four daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

Funeral took place at the Christian Cemetery on Mahadeshwara College Road today.

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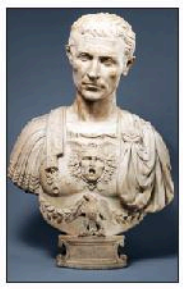
Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

What it takes to be a leader? –2

Concern, Confidence and Courage?

[Continued from yesterday]



Julius Caesar

Babur

Winston Churchill

Shivaji

History says, Julius Caesar, the Roman General, was giving a chase to his rival Pompey who had escaped to Egypt. Caesar and his men were in the ship. In the high seas, they were overtaken by a storm and the ship was in danger. There was commotion and plea for help from Caesar from the soldiers.

Caesar, however, was cool and calm. He told his men gripped in fear: **"Do not fear. Don't you know the ship is carrying Caesar and his destiny?"**

Soon the storm passed and the ship harboured safely on the Egyptian shore. Confidence? Leadership quality?

Babur, the first Mughal Emperor, after conquering Kabul (Afghanistan) in 1507 was bent on subduing Hindustan under the rule of Sultans. But the perils and dangers were too many. He gathered an army of 10,000 horsemen to invade India.

Between Kabul and India lay ranges of high mountains where war-like tribals lived. They were subdued. He was aware that before his invasion, India had been three times overrun and conquered from Afghanistan. "But Babur was brave and such traits of character as the following had made him an adored leader."

What are those traits?

Once he was returning from Herat to his capital Kabul leading his troops across those ranges of mountains. It was night. The way was lost among the mountains. A heavy snowstorm set in.

Babur ordered his men to dismount (from their horses) and halt where he happened to be. Many men waited for morning on horseback. Some desired Babur to go into a cave. But Babur would not go. Babur felt that to be in a warm dwelling while his men were in the midst of snow and drift, would be inconsistent with what he owed them. It would be a deviation from that **companionship** in suffering that was their due. Babur felt he should be a sharer of this suffering and difficulties with them.

Babur writes in his memoir about a Persian proverb, "Death in the company of friends is a feast." By morning, four inches of snow had "settled" on Babur's head, lips and ears. What do you call this?

Leadership. No wonder he defeated the Delhi Sultan and founded the Mughul Empire.

Babur asked his Military Commander if there were any Sultans or Hindu kings to fight a war with to expand the empire. He was told there was Vijayanagar Empire to the South but not advisable to wage a war against such a powerful kingdom. Babur wisely focuses only on the North and East. Again leadership trait. It was like Field Marshal Manekshaw's advice to Indira Gandhi not to attack East Pakistan at a wrong time. Fortunately, Indira Gandhi took the advice and India won. Let it be.

Let me recall an episode attributed to Winston Churchill, Britain's inspirational, loved and deeply respected (even feared), cigar-smoking Prime Minister during World War II. Leadership quality was in his blood. His father was John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, who helped King James II in 1685 crush a rebellion by the Duke of Monmouth. To deviate, I had visited Churchill's Marlborough Palace near London, seen Winston Churchill's bedroom and even the room where he was delivered by his mother.

Indeed born great, born a leader, who in his early military service, was stationed in Bengaluru cantonment. As students, my friends and I used to stroll around Shoolay Police Station (then), the end of Brigade Road. There used to be some leading pawn brokers' shops, of over 100 years old. We were told that from one of the pawn brokers' (who were also money-lenders), Winston Churchill had borrowed money, a small amount in the present-value, on a Promissory Note which that pawn brokers' successors kept as a valuable memento. It made news! Let it be.

Once, after Churchill had retired from politics, the head-student of his alma mater school made bold to approach him and requested him to deliver the school day speech. Churchill refused making age an excuse. But on a lateral thought agreed. On the appointed day, Churchill went to school with his brand of top-hat and a walking stick. He was conducted to the stage where he removed the top-hat and gave it to the head-student along with the walking stick and stood there in front of the students.

'Dear students', he began, 'Never give up'. There was a pause. Again he said, 'Never, never give up'. Now there was a longer pause. Then he delivered the last sentence of his speech, 'Never, never, never give up. Thank you'.

Probably this was the shortest speech he ever made. But then it could come only from a natural leader, born leader.

Having written a book titled '*Sword of Shivaji*' last year, how could I not include Chhatrapati Shivaji, Founder of the Maratha Empire and the nemises of the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb, as among the great leaders of the world?

From the age of nine, as with Alexander the Great, Shivaji exhibited all the qualities of a leader. Well, he had one more attribute, apart from concern, confidence and courage, that is cunning. For more on Shivaji read my book!! If you need the book contact Mob: 98452-96447.

May our country be blessed with true, authentic leaders like I mentioned above for the good of 'We the People of India'.

Jai Hind

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Srirangapatna turning into a COVID cluster

43 more test COVID positive

Srirangapatna, Jan. 5 (Vinay Karekura & KS)- Srirangapatna is slowly turning into a COVID hotspot as more devotees returning from inter-State travel are testing positive for COVID.

While 33 tested positive since last three days, 43 tested positive yesterday. About 120 devotees, who arrived in buses from a pilgrimage, were subjected to RT-PCR test yesterday out of which 43 tested positive. While the positive patients have been shifted to Srirangapatna COVID Care Centre, the remaining have been isolated at their homes.

Health Dept. takes lead

The Health Department, which swung into action immediately, conducted an enquiry to know how many of them had gone to the pilgrimage and learnt that hundreds from neighbouring villages of Srirangapatna had gone on a pilgrimage.

Alarmed over this, Mandya District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. N.K. Venkatesh collected mobile phone numbers of those devotees returning to Srirangapatna yesterday, urged them not to go back home but get tested.

Following this, 120 devotees, who arrived in two buses to the hospital, underwent RT-PCR in two batches and when the results came in the evening, 43 of them had tested positive.

Here, the role of ASHA workers has to be lauded as they are tracing the primary and secondary contacts of positive patients and convincing them to get themselves tested. These contacts will undergo RT-PCR test today and the Taluk Administration is keeping its fingers crossed.

No food supply at CCC

As the Taluk Administration has not paid the Rs. 6 lakh bill for the caterer, who had supplied food to the patients admitted at the COVID Care Centre (CCC) during the 2nd wave of pandemic, no food is supplied now.

With no food, the patients tried to go out of the CCC, but the Tahsildar convinced them and requested the caterer to provide food besides assuring him of paying the pending bills following which the caterer served food.

Officials busy with Yuvajanotsava

Meanwhile, public have alleged that despite spike in COVID positive cases in Srirangapatna, the District Administration officials were busy conducting Yuvajanotsava in Nagamangala.

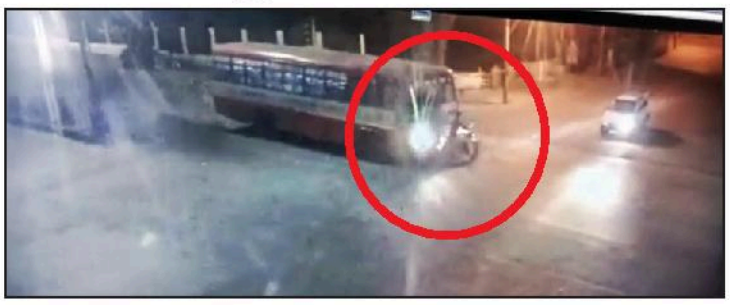
None of the officials have bothered to hold meetings or create awareness to contain the spread of the deadly virus, they added.

It is learnt that today too, about 150 devotees left for a pilgrimage from Srirangapatna.

In the wake of clusters, Mandya District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda yesterday told Health Department officials to take steps for shifting patients to CCCs. He told the DHO and the Taluk Health Officers (THOs) to treat the infected children, shift them to the COVID Care Centre and subject all their contacts, including parents and family members to RT-PCR tests.

The Minister told authorities to keep a tab on those returning from other States as there was information that the infected persons in Srirangapatna had returned after an inter-State travel.

Midnight collision



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A CCTV camera has captured the visuals. Both Rahul and bus driver Krishnamurthy saw that they were about to dash against each other. Still both missed applying brakes. The impact of the accident was such that Rahul and his bike crashed onto the road and he was thrown up to 10 metres.

Police said that looking at the visuals, both Rahul and Krishnamurthy were at fault and in fact, Rahul would not have seen the approaching bus as he was listening to music and was not even wearing a helmet.

KR Traffic Inspector Manjunath, who was enforcing night curfew when the accident occurred, rushed to the spot and shifted Rahul to a hospital but Rahul was dead by then. The Police have seized both the vehicles and have registered a case at K.R. Traffic Station.

Rahul's body has been shifted to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem. His parents have been informed and they are likely to arrive in Mysuru today.

KR Constituency is a model one for the State: District Minister

CM Bommai virtually inaugurates 5-day Job Generation Mela

District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MLA S.A Ramdas, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev handing over a cheque for Rs. 9 lakh to the members of Thibbadevi Stree Shakti Mahila Sangha. Picture right shows candidates registering at the 5-day Job Generation Mela at Vidyashankar Kalyana Mantapa near Gun House Circle yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that KR Constituency of the city is a model one for the entire State in terms of implementation of schemes and plans, District Minister S.T. Somashekar said that the employment generation and skill training Mela organised by MLA S.A. Ramdas assumes significance in the backdrop of employment creation.

He was speaking after taking part at the 5-day Job Generation Mela organised under the leadership of KR MLA S.A. Ramdas that was held on the first day at Vidyashankar Kalyana Mantapa near Gun House Circle yesterday.

Pointing out that BJP in-Charge of State Arun Singh had complimented Ramdas during the party's Executive Committee Meeting held recently at Dharwad, Somashekar said that Ramdas has done exemplary work in implementing various schemes of the Central and State Governments and in delivering the benefits to the doorsteps of beneficiaries in his KR Assembly segment.

He further said that he will take measures for extending loans to women Self-Help Groups if the MLA comes up with a list of such groups in KR Assembly segment. The District Minister also lauded the untiring efforts of Ramdas in helping the people during the COVID pandemic.

MLA S.A. Ramdas, in his address, said that youths who are provided with jobs will become an asset for the country in the future days. But failure to provide them jobs, will make them disappointed and as such, this Mela is significant for job-seeking and enterprising youths.

Highlighting the salient features of the 5-day job generation Mela, Ramdas said the Mela also imparts skill training and interested youths can register for it. The registered youths will be provided 6 months training with a stipend of Rs. 1,500 , he added.

Ramdas further said that there are plans to open an evening ITI and Diploma College and also to distribute solar powered iron boxes to those engaged in ironing of clothes and solar powered vehicles to women vegetable vendors.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, in his address, said that it is a challenge to provide jobs to all eligible candidates in the age group of 18 to 40 years and this Mela assumes significance in this backdrop.

The Mela provides appropriate guidance and assistance to job-seekers besides imparting skill training, he added.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, in his address, said that there are a few NULM (National Urban Livelihoods Mission) and other MCC projects stalls in the Mela and the people can make use of them.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev said that just getting a degree does not guarantee a job as acquirement of skills is more important in these days, where science and technology rule the roost. The Mela helps in youths get skill training and make them become job ready, he added.

Thibbadevi Stree Shakti Mahila Sangha and Jwalamukhi Stree Shakti Mahila Sangha were handed over loan cheques for Rs. 9 lakh and Rs. 13 lakh respectively and beneficiaries of Prime Minister's Matruvandana Scheme were extended benefits on the occasion.

Earlier, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurated the Mela virtually from Bengaluru.

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Corporators Roopa Yogesh, Shivakumar, B.V. Manjunath, Champaka and Sharadamma, BJP leaders Vadivelu, Noor Fathima and others were present.

The Mela will be open from 9 am till 5 pm on all the days.

Today, the Mela was held at Vokkaligara Sangha Samudaya Bhavan in Vidyaranyapuram, tomorrow (June 6) at Nithyananda Kalyana Mantapa in Vishweshwaranagar, on Jan. 7 at Bhramarambha Kalyana Mantapa in Srirampura and on Jan. 8 at Samrat Kalyana Mantapa in Kuvempunagar.

Special features of the Mela

The Mela has 39 stalls, including that of Government Departments and private establishments. More than 40 well-known companies including Nestle, Apollo BGS, Wipro, TVS Motors, N. Rangarao and Sons, Jubilant Generics, Manipal Hospitals, People Management etc., are taking part in this Mela.

Also, MCDCC, Canara, SBI and other Banks have set up shop here for providing information on loans and other financial facilities for youths to get self-employed or become entrepreneurs.

Vaccine drive

A COVID vaccination drive for teens in the age group of 15 to 18 years was also held, during which students from different schools and colleges in KR Assembly segment limits were brought in vehicles to the venue and vaccinated. After vaccination, the students were sent back in the same vehicles to their institutions.

Youth goes missing

Madhusudhan

Mysuru, Jan. 5 (KS)- A 25-year-old youth, who left his house on Dec. 26 at about 8.15 pm, saying that he was going for a function, has since gone missing.

According to the complaint, the youth borrowed a gold chain from his brother and left the house on his bike (KA-09-EX-2380).

The missing youth is Madhusudan. He is 5.7 ft. tall, normal built, oily red complexioned, oval faced, has the name 'Bhadramma' tattooed on his right hand and chest, speaks Kannada and was wearing a blue coloured checks full arm shirt and black pant when he left home.

Those having any information about the missing youth may contact Jayalakshmipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418316 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339/340, according to a press release from Jayalakshmipuram Police Station.

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Tight vigil on people venturing out: City Top Cop

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Patients and their attendees have to show the hospital records and people maintaining essential services, those who work in essential Government Departments will also have to produce the identification cards or letters to travel during restricted hours, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said.

The Commissioner had a word of caution to his staff while enforcing rules and the personnel were asked not to move very close to the people while dealing with law and order. "You must maintain adequate distance from whoever you see on the roads. We do not want Police staff to fall ill during these testing times," he advised. *[See also Page 9]*

NOTICE

2 AIR FORCE SELECTION BOARD, MYSORE-11
REQUIRES WET CANTEEN CONTRACTOR

It is intimated that canteen contractor requires to run WET canteen at this Board on all days between 0800 h to 1700 h. Interested contractors can submit application with proposed menu and price list by post before 20 Jan 22 to the address given below.

For further details, please contact the number given below between 0900 h to 1700 h.
Order of preference: War widows, Disabled soldier, Ex- Service man, Spouses / widows of Ex-service man.

Officer-in-Charge, SI Fund 2 Air Force Selection Board, CV Complex, Siddhartha Nagar, Mysore-570 011	**Contact No: 9449156810 Name: Mr Abhinav Krishna**

Has Mysuru gone Bengaluru way?—4

A City on the Verge of Dying !

[Continued from Dec. 29, 2021]

By R. Chandra Prakash

On Feb. 10, 2017, Kathyayini Chamaraj, the Executive Trustee of CIVIC (Citizens Voluntary Initiative for the City) activities of Citizens Matters [an organisation supported by Oorvani Foundation, a non-profit Trust], had written a very detailed letter to the Chief Minister of Karnataka under the heading, 'Why Bengaluru's Planning Process is Against the Spirit of Our Constitution.' Following quote is only the first part of that letter:

Chandra Prakash

Current situation of Bengaluru

Bengaluru city has reached a population of 1 crore already. It is finding it difficult to provide drinking water to half its residents. The city has 60 lakh vehicles (a vehicle for every two persons), congesting roads and making it impossible for buses to ply and for pedestrians, street vendors and cyclists to have an equitable amount of road-space.

Garbage mismanagement in the city has necessitated the intervention of the Karnataka High Court to ensure that MoEF Rules are followed and mafias controlled. Lakes continue to froth and get encroached, even by the BDA and Public Interest Litigations are required to seek High Court directions to protect them.

Ground water has become polluted and is getting depleted. The slightest rains flood Bengaluru due to encroachment of Raja Kaluves. Air is polluted due to vehicle emissions giving rise to respiratory diseases. Children have no place to play at all. More than half the green cover has been lost in the past decade alone.

Public Interest Litigations (PILs) have to be constantly filed to ensure that laws and rules regarding the setting up of the MPC and Ward Committees are followed. It is obvious that the city is in a super-crisis and is on the verge of dying.

Above quote very neatly sums up the total deterioration of urban infrastructure and total breakdown of rule of law in Bengaluru. However, during the past four-plus years, things have so rapidly deteriorated that by December 2021, an Editorial [quoted in part -1] has declared Bengaluru as a Failed City! Let us very briefly scan through a few facts.

The population of Bengaluru as per Census 2011 was 8.4 million, whereas it is estimated to be 12 million (1.2 crore) in 2020, nearly 50 percent increase within a period of 9 years! In 2015 historians are quoted as having said that there were three waves of migrations to the city and as per 2011 Census, the migrants constituted 40 percent of Bengaluru's populations. In 2019, there were close to 67,000 registered IT Companies in Bengaluru, out of which 12,000 companies worked full time. As of 2017, IT firms in Bengaluru employed 1.5 million employees in IT and IT-enabled services sector, out of nearly 4.36 million employees across India. And accounted for the highest IT-related exports in the country. No surprise that Bengaluru is called the second Silicon Valley!

Bellandur Lake, Bengaluru. Picture below: Old and new buildings side by side.

Traffic jams costing Bengaluru Economy heavily. Pic. right: Traffic jam on Outer Ring Road.

Post independence mainly two organisations were involved in the development and civic administration of Bengaluru, namely the Bengaluru Development Authority [BDA] and the Bruhut Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike [BBMP]. As Bengaluru is the State's capital, the State Government has also been involving itself with the affairs of this city in more than one way. Let us very briefly peruse roles of these organisations.

Bangalore Development Authority

Even after the City Improvement Trust Board [CITB] morphed into Bangalore Development Authority [BDA], the city's planned development was in operation from Jayanagar and its various phases, or even until the Dollar's Colony. However, once the city was hit by the boom, urban planning went haywire. It gave way to massive land scams, corruption and all round chaos. BDA became a Broken Down Authority. It had to simply adopt the decrepit infrastructure 'developed' by the City or Town Municipal Councils as and when concerned geographical areas were handed over to it. And there was very little that BDA could do in the form of improvements or modifications with highly ill-developed and legally challenging infrastructural mess.

Bruhut Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

The municipal administration of Bengaluru under BBMP has undergone even worse predicament than the BDA. The growth of properties outpaced the capacity of BBMP to maintain records, resulting in huge shortage of revenues. In an affidavit submitted by the Government before the High Court based on a random sample survey in 4 of the 198 Ward of BBMP, it was estimated that of the 16.75 lakh sites in Bengaluru, the BBMP had been able to collect tax for 13.83 lakh sites and remaining 2.93 lakh sites (17.49%) were estimated to be unauthorised. The Government's survey data found that of the residential properties with violations, 47.5% have violations above 50%. In case of non-residential buildings with violations, the survey found that 81.75% buildings have more than 25%, that is only 18.25% buildings have violations below that limit!

To overcome the revenue shortage, BBMP has resorted to sanctioning a semi-legal status to the properties in the nature of Form B registrations. However, this backdoor approval of illegality has put the owners of such properties in a lurch.

Drinking water is short supply and majority of the multi-storied buildings are ferrying water from 'somewhere', and the residents are forced to buy bottled drinking water. Water supply and bottled-drinking water are multi-billion racket in Bengaluru.

As per the data available for 2016-17, Bengaluru with more than 70,000 vehicles was home to second highest number of vehicles in India, second to Delhi's 1.01 crore vehicles. This was indicative of doubling of the vehicle numbers within 10 years in Bengaluru. Delays in the planning and the construction of flyovers, metro-rail and lack of proper road maintenance have made life of motorists a hell.

Waste management in Bengaluru is a monumental failure. Even though organised under PPP model, it seems to be totally under the control of mafia. Today solid waste management and landfills are huge issues in Bengaluru. Villages where such wastes were being dumped have revolted against BBMP. Due to the sky high land values and the real estate importance, BBMP has become a magnet for politically ambitious, newly minted rich in and around the city. And it has badly affected the functioning of BBMP, making it most inefficient and corrupt organisation.

State Government

Being the State capital, everything in Bengaluru has been happening directly under the Government's scanner. Its handling of affairs in BDA and BBMP, to say the least, is totally ham-handed. State Government's attempts to bring in Akrama-Sakrama exposed its condonation of the BBMP's failure to enforce the property rules in the past. Foot-in-the-door by the judiciary has put a stop to this stealth effort. It will not be wrong to put the entire blame for the total collapse of city's development and administration at the doorsteps of the State Government.

Past failed attempts to revive Bengaluru

Attempts have been made in the past to revive Bengaluru. For example, the Bangalore Agenda Task Force [BATF], consisting of top-notch industrial leaders, NGO heads, Babus with known credibility being its members. BATF did dig into the root of the malice and suggest certain remedial measures. But due to the changes in the political leadership the Task Force was given a quiet burial. Thereafter, several proposals have been in the air, such as splitting gargantuan BBMP into more than two organisations. But the political power in BBMP would not let the Government do it ! Policing is yet another area of political interference at every stage. Result is missing or weak policing, high crime rate and mafia rule.

Summing up 'Bengaluru Way'

Among several other factors, lack of timely remedial measures in the case of Hosur, politically motivated cancellation of NICE corridor project and myopic decision while locating KIA have cost Bengaluru very heavily. They have resulted in making Bengaluru a Failed City. And this is "Bengaluru Way"! A costly lesson in our urban development.

Let us see whether Mysuru has 'already' gone Bengaluru way?

[Part - 5 next Wednesday]

COVID curbs back in State

Bengaluru, Jan. 5 (UNI & Agencies)- With COVID-19 cases seeing a rise again, restrictions have been imposed across the State. At a press briefing here yesterday, Revenue Minister R. Ashoka announced that night curfew would be extended while weekend curfew would be imposed from Friday 10 pm to Monday 5 am across the State.

During the curfew, essential services and food deliveries will be allowed. These restrictions will be applicable till Jan. 19. The decision to introduce further restrictions was taken at a marathon meeting that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai chaired with health experts and senior IAS Officers.

All rules will be in effect for the next two weeks, and will come into effect from 10 am on Jan. 5 (today) till 5 am on Jan. 19. In Bengaluru, physical classes will be closed for all except for students in classes 10, 11 and 12 as these students can get the vaccine.

For Colleges across Bengaluru, only medical, paramedical and nursing colleges can be open, and all others will be closed for physical classes. Schools in other districts including Mysuru will continue to function as of now.

All public places, including theatres, hotels, bars, restaurants, pubs and clubs will be allowed to operate at only 50 percent of their seating capacity. Offices will function only for five days a week and the Government Secretariat will run with officials below the rank of Under Secretary at 50 percent of the working strength. These measures apply from Jan. 6.

All malls, pubs, theatres and bars in the State can operate only at 50 percent capacity from Monday to Friday. It is mandatory for all those visiting these establishments to have taken both doses of the vaccine.

There will be no gatherings including protests, strikes and religious events, officials said. Religious places can be open, but only 50 people will be allowed at one time and people can have *darshan* but there will be no *sevas* at temples. Swimming pools and gyms can operate at 50 percent capacity but entry will be restricted to fully vaccinated persons.

All those coming from Goa, Kerala and Maharashtra will mandatorily need an RT-PCR test.

Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said that many who returned from Goa after the New Year have tested positive. "We are looking to trace everyone who returned from Goa post Jan. 1 and we want to test them," he said. The Ministers said that cases were currently being seen in those between 20 and 50 years of age.

For international passengers, an RT-PCR test is mandatory for those from high-risk countries. If found to be positive, triaging will be done and they will either be sent to COVID care centres or hotel isolation.

Weekend Curfew

Friday 10 pm to Monday 5 am

What's allowed and what's not

Bengaluru, Jan. 5 (UNI & Agencies)- The Government has extended night curfew between 10 pm and 5 am and has imposed a weekend curfew. The new restrictions will be in place from today (Jan. 5) to Jan. 19. *Here are the guidelines at a glance:*

- On weekends, movement of individuals will be prohibited between Friday 10 pm and Monday 5 am. Essential and emergency activities will be allowed.
- All State and Union Government Offices and their autonomous Bodies, Corporations etc., that deal with emergency services, essential services and COVID-19 containment and management duties shall be fully functional and officers or personnel of the same shall be allowed unrestricted movement.
- All public parks will remain closed.
- All industries, including IT industries, are exempted from the restriction of curfew and their employees are allowed to commute on producing valid ID cards issued by their respective organisation or institution.
- Patients and their attendants or persons requiring emergency need, eligible people intending to take vaccination, shall be allowed movement with minimal proof.
- Shops dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, meat and fish, dairy and milk booths, and animal fodder shall be allowed to function.
- Street vendors will be allowed to function.
- Public Distribution System shops are allowed to function.
- Home delivery of all items shall be encouraged 24x7 to minimise the movement of individuals outside their homes.
- Restaurants and eateries shall be allowed only for take away and home delivery.
- Movement of trains and air travel will be permitted.
- Movement of public transport, private vehicles and taxis to and from airports, railway stations and bus terminals/stops/stands will be allowed for facilitating the movement of passengers by air, rail and road.
- The movement will be allowed only on displaying valid travel documents/tickets and strictly adhering to COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.
- Marriage functions are permitted to be conducted with not more than 200 people in open spaces and 100 people in closed places, strictly adhering to COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.

No protests, rallies for 15 days: Government

But Cong. will go ahead with Mekedatu to Bengaluru *padayatra* from Jan. 9

Bengaluru, Jan. 5 (UNI & Agencies)- The Karnataka Government has announced fresh restrictions on gatherings. It has barred people from holding protests and rallies in the State. Large gatherings for parties and celebrations will also not be allowed.

Strict action will be taken against those who violate COVID-19 norms such as wearing masks. The restrictions will be in place for 15 days. "For 15 days from today (Jan. 5) no protests, rallies will be allowed. Number of cases in apartments is increasing, so no parties or celebrations are allowed from today. There will be no lockdown. Strict action will be taken against people who don't wear masks," Revenue Minister R. Ashoka said.

Meanwhile, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President D.K. Shivakumar said last evening that even if the Government imposes a lockdown, the Congress will take out the *padayatra* demanding implementation of the Mekedatu Project.

The 10-day *padayatra*, scheduled to start from Mekedatu on Jan. 9 morning, will culminate with a public meeting at Basavanagudi grounds.

"We have information that BJP is attempting to stall the march citing COVID. The Government may forcefully impose a lockdown too to stop us. But we would rather go to jail than drop the march," Shivakumar said.

"I have been charged with violations of COVID-19 guidelines and have been served summons. CM Basavaraj Bommai has violated restrictions and attended a wedding ceremony. What action has been initiated against him?" he asked.

He said the party will adhere to COVID appropriate behaviour during the rally. "The party has ordered one lakh masks. We have also been procuring sanitisers and a process is in place to sanitise all choultries and mutts along the route where we will be staying. Also, 100 doctors from the KPCC doctors' cell and 10 mobile health check-up units will be deployed as well," he said.

Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said the Congress will have to take responsibility if the infections in the State increase because of the *padayatra*.

"It is good that they are doing it for implementation of the Mekedatu Project which would provide drinking water. The project was conveniently forgotten when they were in power for six years. They will have to take responsibility if the march causes the spread of infection," the Minister warned.

Check-posts at villages; borders on high alert

Most cases come from borders as infections spike in other States: CM

Bengaluru, Jan. 5 (UNI & Agencies)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai yesterday said check-posts will be set up in places where there are village-to-village contacts between Karnataka and neighbouring States. He also said the Police Stations under the jurisdiction will be responsible for such check-posts.

All the existing borders will be secured and personnel will be increased. Entry will be allowed only after RT-PCR tests and also after checking double dose vaccination. Police, Health and Revenue Officers and staff will be deployed at check-posts on the National Highways and major roads and officers will man minor roads by putting up barricades and posting personnel who will monitor movement of vehicles, he added.

"Our experiences since the first and second wave have been that the infections in Karnataka rise whenever COVID-19 cases spiral in our neighbouring States, with whom we have daily business activities. We have to focus on that area," Bommai said.

When asked about laxity in border regions, the CM said the border is vast and checking is happening at the main check-posts only. However, there are contacts with neighbouring States at the village level. "Today, I am going to issue a direction to hold Police Stations responsible for places where there is village-to-village contact. We will set up check-posts there and deploy people," he said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Palindrome

Pronunciation: PAL-un-drohm.

A
EVE
RADAR
REVIVER
ROTATOR
LEPERS REPEL
MADAM I'M ADAM
STEP NOT ON PETS
DO GEESE SEE GOD
PULL UP IF I PULL UP
NO LEMONS, NO MELON
DENNIS AND EDNA SINNED
ABLE WAS I ERE I SAW ELBA
A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL, PANAMA
A SANTA LIVED AS A DEVIL AT NASA
SUMS ARE NOT SET AS A TEST ON ERASMUS
ON A CLOVER, IF ALIVE, ERUPTS A VAST, PURE EVIL; A FIRE VOLCANO

Meaning: A palindrome is a word, verse, or sentence (as "Able was I ere I saw Elba"), or a number (as 2002) that reads the same backward or forward.
Origin: Palindrome comes from Greek palindromos, meaning "running back again," which itself is from palin ("back," "again") and dramein ("to run"). Nowadays, we appreciate a clever palindrome—such as "Drab as a fool, aloof as a bard" or "A man, a plan, a canal: Panama"—or even a simple one like "race car," but in the past palindromes were more than just smart wordplay. Some folks thought they were magical, and they carved them on walls or amulets for protection.
Example: "The original members—Agnetha, Bjorn, Benny and Anni, whose first names form the palindrome ABBA—were a perpetual presence on the radio airwaves during their 1972 to '82 heyday, and one of the most commercially successful acts in the history of popular music." — Ray Schweibert

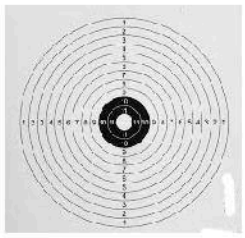
THE ODD WORD

Pachyglossal

Thick-tongued.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Point blank



Meaning: To explicitly address an issue in a blunt, direct manner, without softening the speech or using subtlety.
Origin: The origin of this word goes back to French archery terminology in the Late Middle Ages. Back then, archery targets were usually white. Point was used as a verb and blank (taken from the French word for white, 'blanc') meant 'pointing at the target'.
Example: That girl doesn't leave any room for misinterpretation: when Danny asked her out on a date, she said "no", point-blank.

QUOTE BOX

You might not write well every day, but you can always edit a bad page. You can't edit a blank page. **—Jodi Picoult**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Reasoning (Reason in G).

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Called
5 To be announced, abbr.
8 The Indian god of fire
12 Began or commenced in a big way
14 Hold firmly
15 Young maiden or miss in Spanish
16 Operatic lady
17 Minute, in short
18 Touched lightly
20 Israeli spy sent into Canaan in the Biblical times?
23 Irritation
24 Puts something to work
25 Abdomen
28 "A", "an" or __?
29 Not here?
30 US ISP
32 Respects or reveres
34 Type of TV input
35 Is unwell or sick
36 Took up a position
37 Affront
40 Light brown
41 Chinese secret society indulging in vice, etc.
42 Inhabitant of an ancient country in West Italy
47 Arctic town - "hate" anagram?
48 End of the line!
49 Deep in thought, perhaps
50 Total
51 Athlete P.T. ___

DOWN
1 "Treasure Island" monogram
2 Dubai locale
3 The fourteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet
4 Garden dwarfs from Zurich?
5 Lean
6 Lay a __ : deposit as a wager?
7 Accessory plugs
8 Queen of Crime ___ Christie
9 Another word for 'courage'
10 Pheasant's nest
11 Apple's popular tablet computer
13 Plagiarise
19 The highest point
20 Sever
21 Ex-Tennis champ Arthur ___
22 Wine sediment
23 Agenda details
25 Sanctuaries
26 Bounders
27 Nursing ____ : privately run hospital?
29 Linden tree - "tile" broken?
31 Lift the __ off a scandal : expose a scandal?
33 Given instruction
34 Largest of islands forming Japan
36 One of the Apostles
37 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
38 N in NB
39 ___ up : pick up or buy with undue haste?
40 Clip or prune
43 "T" for the Greeks
44 Christian Evidence Soc.
45 Love story (1953) of Raj Kapoor and Nergis?
46 BJP and their allies?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D	I	A		S	A	M			M	O	A	
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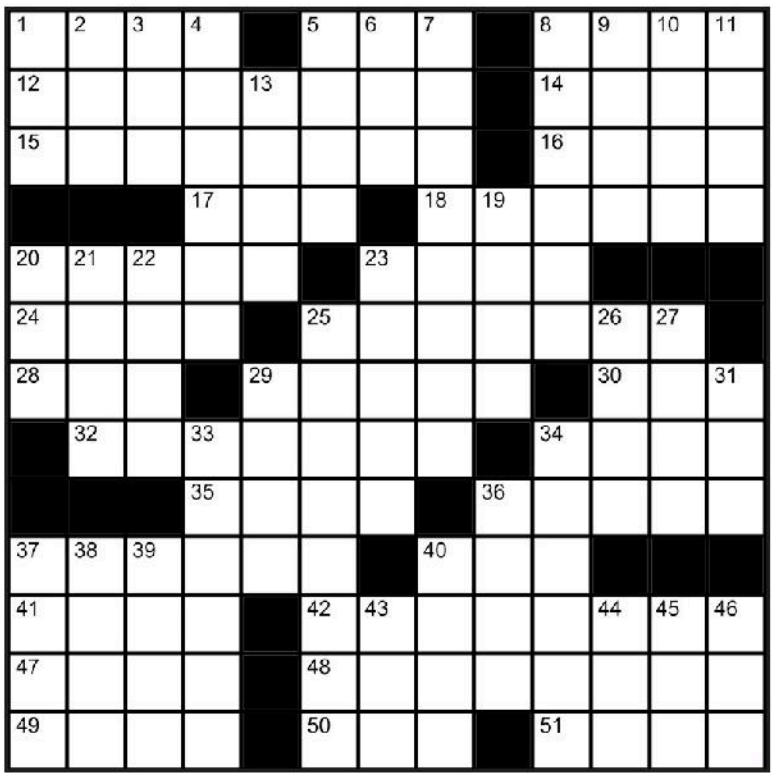

SUDOKU

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	1	3		4		9		8
	7						1	
6		9		7		4	2	
7			5	8				
	4	6					9	
					1			

Answer to previous puzzle

4	9	8	7	3	5	6	2	1
2	5	7	4	6	1	3	8	9
6	3	1	9	8	2	4	5	7
3	7	4	8	1	9	5	6	2
1	8	5	6	2	3	7	9	4
9	2	6	5	7	4	8	1	3
8	6	9	1	4	7	2	3	5
7	1	2	3	5	8	9	4	6
5	4	3	2	9	6	1	7	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HW HR SUWWUT WV DUUI FVOT BVOWJ ZYVRUE

LCE YUW IUVIYU WJHCD FVO LTU L QVVY WJLC

WV VIUC HW LCE TUBVNU LYY EVOSW.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I know that you believe that you understood what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Gayathri Theatre** Ph: 2443568
  Love You Rachchu (K)- 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** Ph: 2420885
  Rider (K) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** Ph: 2452958
  Arjun Gowda (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** Ph: 2521923
  Drishya 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** Mob: 9900820093
  Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** Ph: 2422871
  Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** Ph: 2423554
  Maanaadu (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** Ph: 2520494
  Arjun Gowda (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** Ph: 2497199
  Pushpa: The Rise – Part 1 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Sterling Theatre** Ph: 2481170
  Huttu Habbada Shubhashayagalu (K)- 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** Ph: 2520009
  Ellinda Harambhavagide (K) 1 Shows; Mallige (K) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Badava Rascal (K)	(S-1)	10.20 am
	(S-2)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Spiderman: No Way Home (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 4.05 pm
Sing-2 (E-3D)	(S-1)	7 pm
Arjun Gowda (K)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 1.20 pm
Ajagajantharam (Ma)	(S-2)	7 pm
Huttu Habbada Shubhashayagalu (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 1.20 pm
Rider (K)	(S-3)	4 pm
Love You Rachchu (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
83 (H)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 4 pm, 7 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

83 (H)	(S-2)	8.25 am, 6 pm
	(S-3)	2.50 pm
	(S-4)	12.10 pm
Spiderman No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	8.35 am, 3.05 pm, 6.20 pm
Ajagajantharam (Ma)	(S-4)	6.40 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	3 pm (S-3) 8.40 am
Raider (K)	(S-1)	11.50 am
Arjun Gowda (K)	(S-4)	9.10 am, 3.40 pm
Love You Rachchu (K)	(S-3)	11.40 am, 6.25 pm
Huttu Habbada Shubhashayagalu (K)	(S-2)	11.55 am

PVR CINEMAS

Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

83 (H)	8.25 am, 11.45 am, 12.25 pm, 3.10, 6:35 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	9.05 am, 12.15 pm, 3.25 pm, 6.35 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	9.45 am, 12.35 pm, 6.55 pm
Arjun Gowda (K)	9.55 am, 3.50 pm, 6.50 pm
Huttu Habbada Shubhashayagalu (K)	11.00 am
Love You Rachchu (K)	12.50 pm, 6.45 pm
Sing 2 (E)	1.55 pm, 7.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rise - Part 01 (Te)	3.25 pm
Djibouti (Ma)	3.50 pm
Rider (K)	4.25 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

83 (H)	9.05 am, 12.05 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.25 pm
Arjun Gowda (K)	9.10 am, 3.30 pm, 7.05 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	9.35 am, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm
Love You Rachchu (K)	10.00 am, 4.05 pm
Pushpa: The Rise - Part 01 (Te)	12.30 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E)	12.30 pm, 7.05 pm
Rider (K)	1.00 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Love You Rachchu (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm
83 (H)	(S-1)	4 pm
Ajagajantharam (Ma)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
Arjun Gowda (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm, 4.30 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.05 pm
Rider (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 7 pm
Huttu Habbada Shubhashayagalu (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Heritage Music Festival at 8th Cross V.V. Mohalla from tomorrow

- Timings rescheduled owing to night curfew
- Saturday and Sunday concerts postponed due to weekend curfew

Mysuru, Jan. 5- The 60th Heritage Music Festival, organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, will begin from tomorrow (Jan. 6).

The Heritage Music Festival, which is well-known as '8th Cross Ganesha Music Festival' as music concerts are organised every year during the Ganesha Festival for the past 60 years at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, is for the first time being held in the month of January. Following COVID outbreak, the previous edition (the 59th Festival) was held online in 2020.

Many renowned artistes will be performing at the venue every day, excluding weekends, at 6.15 pm till Jan. 26. Everyday, Kavya Vaachana will be held between 5.15 pm and 6.15 pm.

However, the weekend concerts, which were scheduled earlier, have been postponed due to weekend curfew. The revised dates will be announced by the organisers soon.

Vid. T.M. Krishna

Vid. Sheik Subhani & Vidu. Sheik Kaleeshabi

Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi

Vid. Praveen Sparsh

Vid. Giridhar Udupa

Tomorrow (Jan. 6), Vidwan T.M. Krishna will present a vocal concert. He will be accompanied by Vidwan Sheik Subhani and Vidushi Sheik Kaleeshabi on Nagaswara, Vidushi Akkarai Subhalakshmi on Violin; Vidwan Praveen Sparsh - Mridanga and Vidwan Giridhar Udupa - Ghata.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 5)

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- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Puja, Shattumurai and Mahamangalarati, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Thiruppavai discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99451-01480]
- **Jnanabutti:** Valedictory of College Asst. Professor Posts Recruitment Exam Training Camp, Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar releases study material, Mysore University Senior Professor A. Balasubramanyam wishes the candidates, felicitation to H. Narasimhaiah State Award Winner Y.N. Shankaregowda, thinker Prof. M. Krishnegowda presides, Lakshmipuram Government High School and PU College premises, **6 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam and Sri Rama Mandira:** 'Thiruppavai Kalakshepa' (Thiruppavai discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

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- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Mysuru and Hebbar Sreevaishnava Rural District Upa Sabha:** Dhanurmasa Puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Rama Srinivasan, Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **11 am to 1.30 pm.**
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- **Children's Literary Club, Mysuru:** Kannada medium students participate in English-speaking hour, conducted by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU and presently, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, Chamundi Children's Home, II Stage Brindavan Extension, **5.30 pm.**
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